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Book Notices

Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, Billy the Kid, and Butch Cassidy—but the lesser-known gunslingers. It just so happens that one of the latter, Jess Standard of Texas, was an ancestor of the author of this informative encyclopedia.

Trails West. Prepared by the Special Publications Division, Robert L. Breeden, Editor. (Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 1979. 207 pp., illus., additional reading, index, \$5.75.)

Six contributing writers, including Wallace Stegner, describe their own experiences in retracing six famous trails in America's westward movement: the Santa Fe Trail, the Oregon Trail, the Mormon Trail, the California Trail, the Gila Trail, and the Bozeman Trail. To Iowans the Mormon Trail should be of greatest interest since it etched its way across the entire state. This beautifully illustrated book (130 color photographs and fifty-nine historical photos) is a unique blend of the old and the new and the reader will gain new excitement and appreciation for the West that was, and that continues to live in our national spirit.

The Horse Soldier, 1776-1943, The United States Cavalryman: His Uniforms, Arms, Accoutrements and Equipments, Vol. IV (World War I, The Peacetime Army, World War II, 1917-1943). By Randy Steffen. (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1979. 136 pp., illus., tables, index, \$25.00.)

This is the fourth and final volume in *The Horse Soldier* series. Artists, curators, collectors, and historians will enjoy this well-researched book. The pen and ink drawings greatly enhance the work.

Pioneer Conservationists of Western America. By Peter Wild. (Missoula, MT:Mountain Press Publishing Company, 1979. xxv., 272 pp., illus., bibliography, index, \$12.95.)

Biographical sketches of fifteen conservationists whose activities and writings have done most in promoting stewardship of western lands are presented in this most interesting book. The names range from the familiar—John Muir, William O. Douglas, John Wesley Powell—to the lesser known—Mary Hunter Austin, David Brower, and Stephen Mather. Of special interest to Iowans is Aldo Leopold (1887-1948) who was born and raised in Burlington and was grandson of a German-educated landscape architect who designed many public buildings and parks in Burlington. Leopold went on to become a famous conservationist and is best known for his *A Sand County*

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